2015 SENATE BILL 178

May 21, 2015 –Introduced by Senators LAZICH and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives KUGLITSCH, SANFELIPPO, CRAIG, KNODL and KULP. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

AN ACT to renumber 254.18; to amend 254.18 (title); and to create 254.18 (2) of the statutes; relating to: exemption from lead inspection requirements for sampling or testing during certain lead-safe renovations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an exemption from lead inspection requirements for lead sampling or testing done in certain renovations. Current law requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide lead poisoning or lead exposure prevention and treatment program that includes lead investigation requirements and lead hazard reduction requirements. If the presence of lead-bearing paint or a lead hazard is assumed and lead hazard reduction activities are performed in a lead-safe manner, then sampling or testing of dwellings or premises for the presence of lead-bearing paint or a lead hazard is not required under current law. DHS has promulgated rules regarding lead inspections to test for the presence of lead-based paint and regarding renovation activities on certain dwellings constructed before 1978 and certain buildings constructed before 1978 that are occupied by children. Under the bill, if the presence of lead-bearing paint of a lead hazard is assumed and a renovation of a dwelling, unit of a dwelling, or premises is performed in a lead-safe manner, any person who performs sampling or testing of a surface in the dwelling or premises relating to that renovation is not required to comply with any requirements established by DHS for a lead inspection.
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For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 254.18 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

254.18 (title) Lead hazard reduction in dwellings and premises;

renovations.

SECTION 2. 254.18 of the statutes is renumbered 254.18 (1).

SECTION 3. 254.18 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

254.18 (2) If the presence of lead-bearing paint or a lead hazard is assumed
and a renovation of a dwelling, unit of a dwelling, or premises is performed in a
lead-safe manner, any person who performs sampling or testing of a surface in the
dwelling or premises relating to that renovation is not required to comply with any
requirements established by the department for a lead inspection.

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